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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

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Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF REWARD FUNDS RELATING TO THE ASSAULT OF BRYAN STOW (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Board approval is being requested for the distribution of reward funds in the amount of \$25,000 to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve the recommendation of the Reward Committee to distribute reward funds in the total amount of \$25,000, to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds to the individuals who provided information to law enforcement that led to the apprehension and/or conviction of the persons responsible for taunting and severely assaulting Bryan Stow.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On March 31, 2011, at approximately 8:25 p.m., Bryan Stow and his friends were attacked on Dodgers' opening night in Section 2 of the parking lot due to their affiliation with the San Francisco Giants. On April 5, 2011, the Board approved a reward for \$10,000 and on July 19, 2011 reestablished and increased the reward to \$25,000. On October 4, 2011, the \$25,000 reward was extended. Subsequently, the reward was reinstated on August 26, 2014.

Based on the information provided by the witnesses, the Bryan Stow Task Force conducted extensive follow-up investigation and was able to identify the responsible individuals.

The lead investigator on the case from the Los Angeles Police Department and the Deputy District Attorney indicated that the witnesses provided pivotal information and evidence that was instrumental in solving the case and led to the successful identification and arrest of the Defendants, Louie Sanchez and Marvin Norwood, and the witnesses also testified at the trial.

On February 18, 2014, the Defendants accepted a plea agreement to the following charges: Louie Sanchez pled guilty to one count of mayhem and one count of felony battery and received nine years in state prison; Marvin Norwood pled guilty to one count of felony battery and received four years in state prison.

Five claims for the reward were filed with the Board of Supervisors, Executive Office. A panel with representatives from the Sheriff, Chief Executive Office, County Counsel and the Executive Office of the Board, reviewed the claims and recommends that the \$25,000 reward be awarded to the four claimants who provided information to law enforcement. As recommended by law enforcement and the Deputy District Attorney, the distribution of funds will include \$12,500 to the first witness and the remaining \$12,500 to be split equally among the other three witnesses. Based on information provided by law enforcement, it was determined that the information provided by the fifth claimant did not lead to the apprehension and/or conviction of the defendants. In accordance with the provisions of the Los Angeles County Code, the Board must now consider the claims and make a final determination for distribution of the reward funds.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Board of Supervisors established a \$25,000 reward fund. Pursuant to provisions in the County Code, the reward is to be paid from the Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds in equal shares of \$5,000 from each Supervisor's budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In 1993, the Board of Supervisors adopted an amendment to the County Code establishing procedures for offering case rewards for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of persons guilty of criminal acts. Your Board, from time to time, has offered such rewards to encourage citizens to come forward and assist law enforcement with their investigations.

The action recommended is in compliance with the County Code, Title 4 – Revenue and Finance relating to rewards; and specifically Section 4.50.010B, which states “conviction of the person or persons responsible for the crime shall be required for payment of a reward unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of Conviction due to the death or incapacity of such person or persons.”

The Notice of Reward offered was published in the Los Angeles Daily Journal. In addition, the reward notice was posted on the Board of Supervisors' website; and the Sheriff's Department was provided a copy of the notice. The filing period to submit a claim to the Executive Office of the Board for the reward expired on January 23, 2015.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this recommendation does not impact other current County services or projects.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Ogawa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Patrick" and last name "Ogawa" clearly distinguishable.

PATRICK OGAWA

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